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WEEK 4 - LIVING IN THE GRACE OF GOD OVERVIEW

What happens when we fail? With such a high call to biblical morality in our minds, this question is inevitable. None of us are perfect and we are all going to continue sinning even as we try to live in a new way. In this message, we will explore the concept of God's grace for us and consider what it looks like to accept his forgiveness daily. We will see how we are called not just to avoid acting like the person we used to be, but to *become* the image-bearing child of God we already are. With God's grace as our foundation, the grand vision of biblical morality becomes less of an audacious impossibility and more of a journey on which we can all make progress, no matter where we are at the moment.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:8-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the mission of God's chosen people? ([Genesis 12:3](#))
2. Read [Hosea 6:6](#). Why were there problems with the sacrificial system of ancient Israel? How did Israelites use it as a "get out of jail free card"?
3. Read [John 1:29](#) and [1 John 1:8-2:2](#)
 - a. What did Jesus do for us?
 - b. Why aren't we be perfect now that sin has lost its power?
 - c. What do we do when we fail?
4. Barry shared that he saw himself as a wretched sinner and not an image-bearing child of God. Have you ever felt this way? What encouragement would you give to someone who feels this way?
5. What would it look like to live in God's grace without taking advantage of it?
6. What did Barry mean when he said it is possible to become who you already are in Christ? How would you go about doing that?

THE PRACTICE OF MORAL INTEGRITY

Disciples of Jesus reject the corruption of sin and reflect Christ to the world as image bearers of God.